

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-captioned patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

By the foregoing amendments, claim 1 has been amended. No new matter is added by the amendment to claim 1, as the subject matter thereof may be found in the specification as filed, for example, at page 8, lines 10-19.

Claims 1-5 are presented for examination.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Finality of the Outstanding Office Action

In the Office Action mailed June 17, 2004, claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,083,353 to Alexander, Jr. (hereinafter "Alexander, Jr."). This rejection of claims 1-5 was overcome by Applicant's response to the June 17, 2004, Office Action. No claims were amended in the response.

In the Final Office Action mailed January 10, 2005, claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Alexander, Jr. in view of Schofield et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0122930 A1, hereinafter "Schofield"). Schofield was newly cited in the outstanding Office Action.

Since no claims were amended in the response to the June 17, 2004, Office Action, the response did not necessitate the new grounds of rejection. Also, since the rejection of claims 1-5 is based on a newly cited reference, the finality of the Office Action is premature.

In a telephone call on January 25, 2005, the Examiner agreed that the finality of the outstanding Office Action is premature, and indicated that the finality would be withdrawn if the issue is raised in the instant response. Accordingly, withdrawal of the finality of the rejections in this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Alexander, Jr. in view of Schofield et al. It is noted that claim 1 has been amended. To the extent that the rejections remain applicable to the claims currently pending, the Applicants hereby traverse the rejection, as follows.

Claim 1 is directed to a picture mapping system that includes, among others, a feature wherein the pictures are fed at intervals which are time mode and distance mode, with the time mode operating by using a clock contained in the computer and the distance mode operating by using positional information signals provided by GPS. Applicants respectfully submit that the above limitation is neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited prior art.

Alexander, Jr. discloses a computer capable of storing and processing image data. However, Alexander, Jr. is silent regarding any interval or mode by which the image data is fed into the computer.

Schofield discloses that data streams from image capture devices 14, 16 are combined in an image processor 18, and are directly mapped to the pixel array of display 20. Schofield discloses repeating the process of combining the data streams and mapping a result of the combination to the pixel array of display 20 at least 30 times per second. However, Schofield neither discloses nor suggests a manner for timing the

combining and mapping. In addition, Schofield neither discloses nor suggests feeding pictures by a distance mode, as recited in independent claim 1, as amended.

To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a rejected claim, the applied art of record must teach or suggest each feature of a rejected claim. See *M.P.E.P.* §2143.03. As explained above, Alexander, Jr., Schofield et al., and the combination thereof, neither disclose nor suggest each and every feature recited in independent claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Alexander, Jr. and Schofield et al.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 is patentably distinct over the combination of Alexander, Jr. and Schofield et al. and in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-5 depend from claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-5 are allowable for the same reasons as claim 1, as well as for the additional subject matter recited therein.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of allowance of claims 1-5.

CONCLUSION

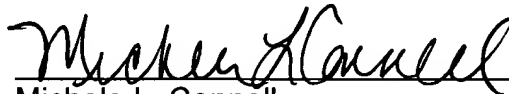
Applicants respectfully submit that the above-captioned patent application is in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, allowance of claims 1-5, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

In the event this paper has not been timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing Attorney Docket No. **107156-00026**.

Respectfully submitted,

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